



Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association

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Planning under way for annual meeting

New VA Clinic a possible site for fall event

Plans are now being made for the 2013 annual meeting but because of the potential for the event being held at the new Veteran's Affairs Clinic that opens in August, this year's meeting date has not yet been set.

The Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association's board is trying to make arrangements with the clinic's director. If it can be arranged, the annual meeting, including dinner will be held at the clinic.

Mayor Jim Schmitt is helping in the effort to make the arrangements.

If things can't be worked out with the clinic in time, then the alternative will be to have the meeting at one of the well-established venues that can furnish a family-style chicken dinner.

We will then look at having our spring event at the clinic.

The board also will apply for a mini grant from the City to help defray the dinner cost to attract as many participants as possible.

The goal is to get as many neighbors at the annual meeting as possible so we can have a good time with a meet and greet function; discuss and establish priorities for the board for the next year and elect directors to serve on the board.

Because of the delay in setting a date at the time of printing this newsletter, there will be a separate notice sent out to the members just

for the annual meeting.

The bylaws of the Nicolet Drive Association Inc. require an annual meeting much like any corporation.

Generally, the meeting is held in September unless the board determines otherwise.

There will be a requirement to RSVP for the meeting.

At the meeting, the members elect directors. Then, at the first meeting of the new board, officers are elected for the next year.

The Association bylaws provide for up to 15 directors. Terms are staggered so that about half of the members are continuing from year to year. Terms are for two years.

The board will be proposing a slate of directors for the members to consider electing at the next annual meeting. Association members can nominate director candidates or members can nominate themselves.

The deadline for making nominations is Aug. 31. To do so, contact Larry Desch, vice president of the board and chairman of the nominating committee at ldesch@thebusinessnewsonline.com

We encourage everyone to consider becoming active in the association.

The annual meeting notice will be sent out as soon as arrangements can be made.



NNO is Aug. 6

Green Bay will be one of a number of communities in our area and thousands nationwide to take part in the annual National Night Out, a crime fighting event held on the first Tuesday of August each year.

Police say it's a fun, inexpensive way to help educate people on how to prevent crime in their neighborhoods.

It's about the community getting together to fight crime and sends a message to the criminals around that everybody is on the look-out for them.

This event is a good followup to the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association's spring event that featured Green Bay Police Capt. Bill Galvin, who offered crime-prevention tips.

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Grandkids, children will enjoy Aug. 6 event

5 neighborhoods to join for National Night Out to be held at Baird School

The Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association will be one of the sponsors of the 6th Annual Northeast Green Bay National Night Out to be held 5-8 p.m., Aug. 6, at H.S. Baird School.

It is a fun event where families can take grandchildren and children for games, free snacks and hot dogs along with police and fire department displays. There will also be live music, a karate demonstration and an exotic animal display.

The goals of the nationwide event are to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to

How to get there

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criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

It also encourages neighbors to move outside of their homes, mingle with their neighbors, and meet and greet neighbors new and old. Thousands of communities participate nationwide, and millions of people attend each year.

National Night Out has been an annual event for more than 30 years that promotes police and community partnerships with activities for all

ages in a family friendly atmosphere.

The Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association began to sponsor National Night Out in 2008. Sponsors have grown to include the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council and the neighborhood associations from Baird Creek, Nicolet Drive, Bay Highlands, Red Smith and Lake Largo. Nicolet Drive joined in 2012. Target Stores is an active sponsor in the Green Bay Area and nationwide. Collectively known as Northeast Green Bay National Night Out, the organization has received a national award for this event.

The enclosed flyer offers more details concerning this year's event. Bring your children and grandchildren and enjoy the evening.

Be certain to sign in at the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association table to receive your tickets for door prizes and free snacks including hot dogs, popcorn and ice cream.

Picking up litter not just an Earth Day exercise

Littering continues to be a problem along Nicolet Drive. This is especially true along the half-mile stretch of Joliet Park along the bay.

With the change in city garbage pickup regulations, this may become an increasing problem.

As part of our neighborhood mission to provide an aesthetically beautiful area, we encourage all residents to think every day is Earth Day.

If you notice garbage in your yard or park area, please take time to pick it up and dispose of it properly. Applying the "Broken Windows" theory, neighborhoods that maintain and monitor a clean environment may stop further littering by others.

If you have noticed a problematic area in our neighbor-

hood please contact any member of the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association board. Contact information is provided on the back page of this newsletter



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Board educates self on city issues

Directors have been attending Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council meetings

To acquaint themselves with city issues, Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association board members have been attending the monthly meetings of the Green Bay Neighborhood Leadership Council.

The Leadership Council meets monthly (except July) on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings are held 5:30-7 p.m. at the Spot Supper Club. All of the neighborhood associations in the City are represented at this meeting usually by the each association's president.

Along with the president, your association directors this past year have all cycled through this meeting to get a flavor for what is discussed and to have an opportunity to meet representatives from the other associations. Topics covered range across all city departments.

The mayor is always there to make

a presentation as well as a representative from the police department.

Much information is shared regarding city initiatives for development, initiatives for the police department, changes with services such as what we are going through with recycling and eventually trash, planning, and code enforcement.

Each neighborhood is able to learn from each other's experiences and promote its own activities/events. The presidents are able to ask questions and bring concerns to city officials in this meeting.

Many times, alderman are present as well, and ours has been in attendance frequently. A summary of this meeting is prepared monthly by the association president and posted on the NDNA website and discussed at the monthly board meetings.

This is intended to be two way

communication where the neighborhoods are kept informed of what is happening around them but also provide a means for the members to react to issues that concern them.

This was the impetus this past spring to invite Captain Bill Galvin to address the association members on neighborhood crime.

This city's neighborhood program and its unique way of bringing areas together was recognized recently at a national conference focusing on neighborhoods held in Minneapolis.

The Green Bay program took second place in this national competition. The process works and should serve as additional encouragement for more people to become involved in their association given the strong commitment the City has made and the successes being shown in bringing neighborhoods together.

Crime-prevention session well-attended

More than 65 Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association members attended the NDNA's spring social that featured Green Bay Police Capt. Bill Galvin, who discussed the growing threat of neighborhood crime and offered tips on how to prevent it. Galvin is the top community police officer in the Nicolet Drive and Red Smith area.

Following are some crime-prevention tips offered by Galvin.

1. Know your neighbors, talk to each other, look out for each other

2. Identify your property. Record serial numbers, engrave property that does not have a number. Photograph jewelry and items that can't be engraved

3. Register your bikes with the department. (it is free)

4. Park your car in your garage. If you can't, take out the garage opener at night and secure valuables in the trunk or in your home

5. Secure doors and windows with secondary locks or reinforce your current locks.

6. Install motion sensor outdoor lighting

7. Consider an alarm system, you can install it yourself or have a professional do it

8. Reduce vegetation around your home that would allow a criminal to hide or break into your home without anyone seeing them.

9. Make your home look lived in when you are gone. Arrange for someone to shovel snow the same day it falls, keep your grass cut, and set up timers on lights and televisions.



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NDNA board wants to hear from you

Help us make a difference in our neighborhood

The Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association board of directors is interested in hearing thoughts about improving our neighborhood.

Please check the boxes alongside the items that most interest you and send to the address below or contact one of the board members.

- ☐ **1.** More police patrols of shoreline park and park's parking lot
- ☐ **2.** Creation of a walking trail along Nicolet Drive when future roadwork is done to either widen or improve the road.
- ☐ **3.** Removal of invasive plants along with dead, dying and diseased trees in Joliet Park
- ☐ **4.** Work to keep duck hunters from standing on the shoreline to hunt in neighborhood's parks and behind residences on Nicolet Drive.
- ☐ **5.** Other: (Please write a note and send it to us)

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